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OF THE

**Evangelical Lutheran
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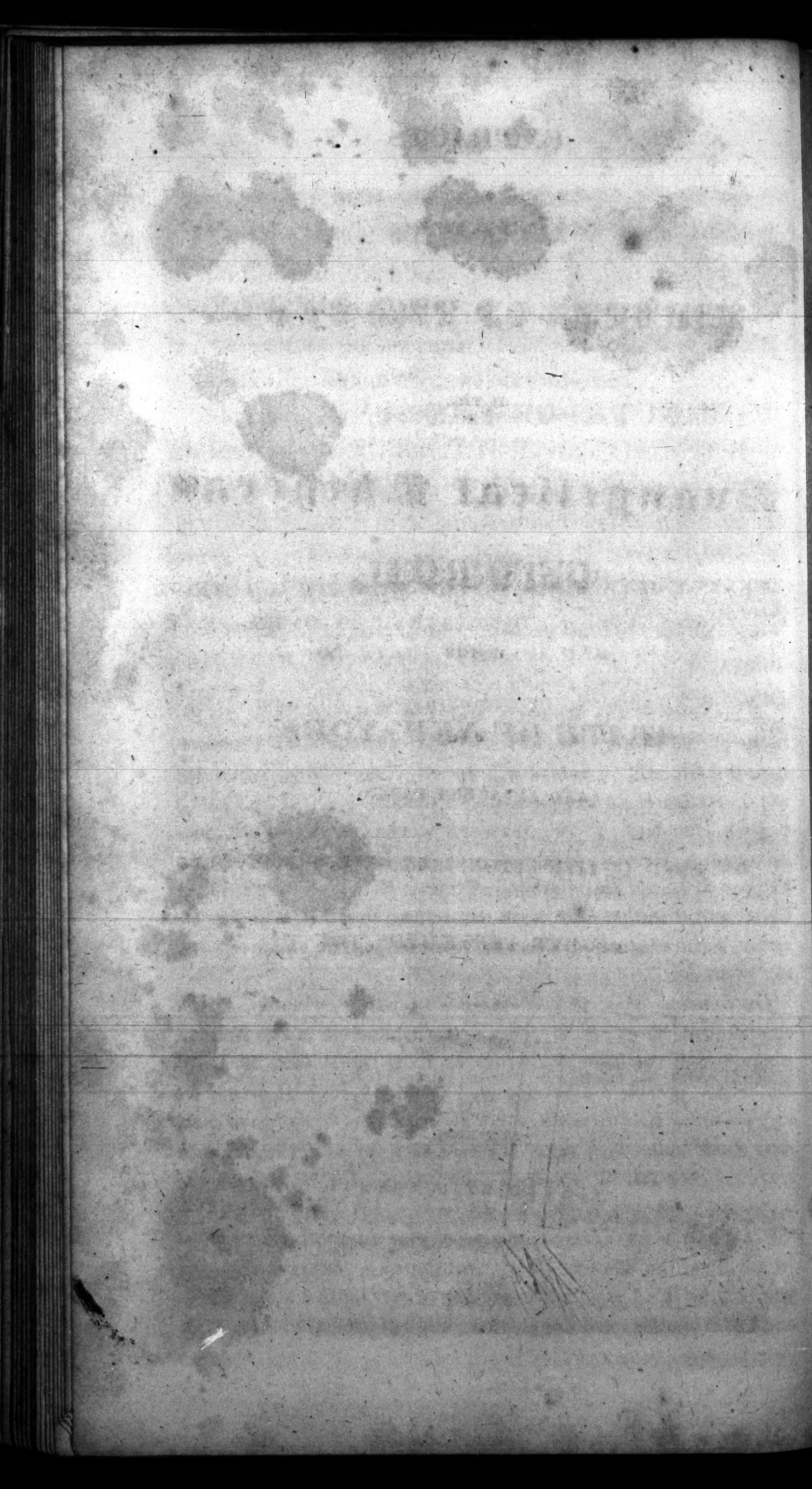
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, AND ADJACENT PARTS.

A majority of the Ministers and Lay Delegates met at the house of the Pastor, the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, at *Clermont*, near the Church, on *Saturday forenoon*, August 30th, when the usual arrangements were made. In the afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock, the Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, of *New-York*, pronounced a German Discourse, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at *Livingston*, Columbia County, N. Y. on Job x, 12:—*Leben und Wohlthat hast du an mir gethan, und dein Aufsehen bewahret meinen Odem.*—“Thou hast granted me life and favor, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.”

On *Sunday*, 31st, the solemnities of public worship, which commenced at 11, A. M. were again conducted in the German tongue; and the Rev. *PRESIDENT*, F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. of *Rhinebeck*, preached a Sermon on 1 Cor. i, 11, 12:—*Denn mir ist vorgekommen, liebe Brueder, durch die aus Chloes Gesinde, von euch, dass Zank unter euch sey. Ich sage aber davon, dass unter euch einer spricht: Ich bin Paulisch; der andere: Ich bin Appollisch; der dritte: Ich bin Kephisch; der vierte: Ich bin Christisch.*—“For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of *Chloe*, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of *Paul*; and I of *Appollos*; and I of *Cephas*; and I of *Christ*.”—At 1, P.M.

the SECRETARY, F. C. SCHAEFFER, of New-York, preached in the English Language, on Luke viii, part of 5:—*A sower went out to sow his seed.*

On Monday, Sept. 1st, at 9, A. M. the Synodical Session was opened with prayer by the Rev. PRESIDENT, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Livingston.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Rev. F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. President of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations at Rhinebeck and Wirtemberg, Dutchess County, New-York.
2. — F. C. SCHAEFFER, Secretary of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Ev. Luth. Church in the City of New-York, officiating in the English Language, at St. Matthew's.
3. — G. A. LINTNER, Treasurer of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Ev. Luth. Congregations at Schoharie and Cobleskill, Schoharie County, N. Y.
4. — F. J. G. UHL, Churchtown, Columbia County, N. Y.
5. — P. F. MAYER, D. D. St. John's Church, Philadelphia.
6. — A. WACKERHAGEN, Germantown and Livingston, Columbia County, N. Y.
7. — F. G. MAYER, Albany, N. Y.
8. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, Pastor of the Ev. Luth. Church in the City of New-York, officiating in the German Language at Christ Church.
9. — E. L. HAZELIUS, Principal of "Hartwick Seminary," Hartwick, Otsego County, N. Y.
10. — P. W. DOMEIER, Stone-Arabia, Minden and Johnstown, Montgomery County, N. Y.
11. — W. STARMAN, Waldoborough, Maine.
12. — L. MERKEL, Guilderland and Bern, Albany County, N. Y.
13. — D. HENDRICKS, Saddle River and Ramapough, Bergen Co. N.J.
14. — JOHN R. GOODMAN, Brunswick, Sandlake and Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, N. Y.
15. — H. N. POHLMAN, New-Germantown, German Valley & Spruce-Run, Hunterdon County, N. J.

CANDIDATE.

16. — F. H. GUNTHER, Columbia, Warren and Danube, Herkimer County, N. Y.

LAY DELEGATES.

17. Mr. JOHN MARQUARD, from the Congregations at Rhinebeck and Wirtemberg.

LAY DELEGATES.

18. MR. WILLIAM HAVEMEYER, St. Matthew's, New-York.
19. — HERMANUS BOUCK, Schoharie and Cobleskill.
20. — ABRAHAM KNISKERN, Sharon and Durlach.
21. — PETER FELLER, Germantown and Livingston.
22. — FRANCIS I. BRADT, Albany.
23. — GEORGE ARCULARIUS, Christ Church, New-York.
24. — CLARK DAVISON, Hartwick.
25. — CHRISTIAN H. FABER, Charleston, S. C.
26. — J. SEIDELMEIER, Bern and Guilderland.
27. — M. YOUNGHANS, Brunswick, Sandlake and Schaghticoke.
28. — J. KERN, New Germantown, German Valley and Spruce-Run.
29. — J. A. MILLER, Columbia, Warren and Danube.
30. — JONATHAN TRAEVER, Ghent, Columbia County, N. Y.

COMMISSIONER.*

31. — JOHN VAN LOON, Athens, Greene County, N. Y.



ABSENT MINISTERS.

Rev. H. MOELLER, Hartwick.
 — JOHN BACHMAN, Charleston, S. C.
 — G. B. MILLER, Canajoharie.

NO DELEGATES APPEARED FROM

Churchtown ; Saddle River and Ramapough ;
 Stone-Arabia, Minden and Johnstown ; Canajoharie ;
 Waldoborough, Maine ; Canada.

The Delegates present exhibited the requisite testimonials.

The Minutes of the last Synod were read.

The Rev. PRESIDENT informed the Synod, that during the adjournment of the Synod, he had received notice from the SECRETARY, that a new Lutheran Church had been consecrated in the city of New-York.†—Mr. F. H. GUENTHER, late a Student

* See Constitution, Chap. VII, Sect. 2.

† St. Matthew's Church, consecrated by the SECRETARY, assisted by Rev. Messrs. GEISSENHAINER and POLHMAN, Dec. 22, 1822. The ENGLISH Language is used exclusively in this Church.—In the month of April 1823, the Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer removed to N. York, and commenced to officiate as GERMAN Pastor, in Christ Church. Since the last Session, the SECRETARY installed the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, at New-Germantown, N. J. in compliance with Res. XXII, Min. Session.

in the Theological Seminary at Hartwick,* had applied for license; and that having been examined, he had received license as a Candidate, until the present Session.†

Letters, Communications and Verbal Notices were received, as follows:

- No. 1. Letter from Rev. J. BACHMAN, dated Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, N. Y. Aug. 29, 1823.
- 2. Letter from Rev. H. MOELLER, Hartwick, Aug. 25, 1823.
- 3. Message from Rev. G. B. MILLER, Canajoharie, Montgomery County, N. Y.
- 4. Letter to the SECRETARY, from Rev. G. SHOBER, President of the Ev. Luth. Synod of North Carolina.
- 5. Missionary Report from Rev. E. L. HAZELIUS.
- 6. Rev. PRESIDENT's statement of condition and wants of the Rev. G. PFEIFFER, formerly Pastor of the Congregations at Rhinebeck and Wirtemberg; and a report on the donations received from clergymen, and sums expended, for Mr. Pfeiffer, who resides in the town of Rhinebeck.
- 7. The SECRETARY gave notice, that he would move for an inquiry into the expediency of making some definite arrangement, by which the Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book, Liturgy and Prayers, published by Messrs. G. & D. Billmeyer, of Philadelphia, may be hereafter published in such form, and sold upon such terms, as will have a tendency to accommodate the members of our Church generally, and to promote a more extensive sale and circulation of the said book.
- 8. Rev. F. G. MAYER gave notice, that he would move for an annual allowance to the Rev. G. PFEIFFER, from the funds of the Ministerium.
- 9. Rev. Dr. P. F. MAYER laid on the table, for distribution, 20 copies of the printed minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania, last session.

* Mr. G. had preached as a Missionary in certain Congregations, according to Res. IV, of the last Synod.

† To officiate in the Congregations at Columbia, Warren and Danube.

No. 10. The TREASURER presented his Report,

From which it appears, that the *Balance* of the Funds of the Ministerium, in *Cash, Promissory Notes, Bonds, and Interest due*, amounted, on the last day of August 1823, to \$793.12.* The appropriation for Missionary purposes, Printing, and other expenses, paid by the TREASURER, since the last session, amounted in all to \$70.59.

Whereupon it was

I. Resolved, That in order to expedite the business of the Synod, an *Auditing Committee* of three be appointed, to whom the TREASURER's Report, [No. 10]; the Rev. PRESIDENT's Statement, concerning the Rev. G. PFEIFFER's case, [No. 6]; and all demands against the Ministerium, be rendered, and that they report thereon this afternoon.

The Rev. PRESIDENT appointed Rev. Messrs. GEISSENHAINER and MERKEL, and W. HAVEMEYER, Esq. as the Auditing Committee.

The Contributions of Churches and Individuals to the Funds of the Ministerium were then received by the TREASURER, as follows :

<i>Congregations and Individuals.</i>	<i>Through whom received.</i>	<i>S. ct.</i>
From St. Paul's Church, at Rhinebeck, { and St. Peter's at Wirtemberg, {	Reverend PRESIDENT— Dr. QUITMAN, . . .	300
St. Matthews, New-York,	Mr. W. Havemeyer, . .	500
Christ Church, New-York,	— G. Arcularius, . .	500
Schoharie and Cobleskill,	— H. Bouck,	800
Sharou and Durlach,	— A. Kniskern, . . .	200
Churchtown,	— A. Michael, . . .	200
Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer,	Rev. Dr. P. F. Mayer, . .	500
Germantown and Livingston,	— A. Wackerhagen, . .	300
Albany,	Mr. T. J. Bradt, . . .	500
Hartwick,	Rev. E. L. Hazelius, . .	200
Rev. W. Starman,	— W. Starman, . . .	500
Charleston, S. C.	Mr. C. H. Faber, . . .	3000
Guilderland and Berne,	Rev. L. Merkel, . . .	300
Saddleriver and Ramapough,	— D. Hendricks, . . .	500
Brunswick, Sandlake, and Schaghticooke, .	Mr. M. Younghans, . .	400
New Germantown, German Valley, { and Sprucerun,	Rev. H. N. Pohlman, . .	500
Ghent,	— J. Traever, . . .	150
		93.50

* Out of which considerable appropriations were made at this Session.

At the same time, several contributions toward the *Missionary Fund*, were also received, namely,

From the Congregations at Stone-Arabia, Minden and Johnstown, through the Rev. P. W. Domeier,	\$ 13.00
Danube and Columbia, - - - Mr. John A. Miller,	1.50
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	\$ 14.50
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Several members informed the Synod, that farther contributions to the *Missionary Fund* would be made, previous to the final adjournment.

After which, the Synod proceeded to consider the various "articles of business," commencing with No. 1, 2 and 3.

No. 1. Letter from the Rev. J. BACHMAN, of Charleston, S. C. to the Rev. PRESIDENT, is an apology for non-attendance.

Mr. B. came from the South to visit his father at Schaghticoke, and to attend this session of the Synod; but on account of the severe illness of his father, he could not leave him.

No. 2. Letter from the Rev. H. MOELLER, is also an apology.

The infirmities of old age, and the distance of the place of meeting, prevented Mr. Moeller's attendance.

No. 3. Message from Rev. G. B. MILLER,

Informing the Synod that he was confined by sickness.

It was then unanimously

II. Resolved, That the absent brethren, Rev. Messrs. BACHMAN, MOELLER and MILLER, be excused.

The business was then taken up, as suggested by the Minutes of the 27th Synod, in connection with some of the articles under the head of "Letters, Communications and Verbal Notices," as numbered since the opening of the present session.

The Rev. E. L. HAZELIUS' Missionary Report, [No. 5,] was read,

Whereupon it was,

III. Resolved, That the Report of the Missionary Proceedings of the Rev. Mr. HAZELIUS, and other brethren be accepted, and placed in the archives.

From the Report it appears, that "in conformity to a Synodical Resolution," approving of Mr. Hazelius' intention, he commenced a Missionary Tour to the West, in company with Mr. Francis H. Guenther, "then a Student of Divinity in Hartwick Seminary." They took Canajoharie on their way, and left that place on the 6th of September 1822, "with an intention of visiting the vacant congregation at *Polatine*," Montgomery

County. Though notice had been sent, appointing Divine Service in the afternoon, the timely arrangements had not been made at Palatine, and the Missionaries, for the present, had a conversation with several of the Church Officers, in which they encouraged them to unite with one or the other of the neighboring Evangelical Lutheran Congregations.

Sunday, Sept. 8th, Mr. H. preached in the forenoon, in the new Church at *Danube, Herkimer County*, where the worship was conducted in the English language. In the afternoon, while Mr. G. preached at the same place in the German tongue, Mr. H. officiated in both languages at *Snell's Bush*. In the latter place nearly all the inhabitants are descendants of Germans, and whenever the Gospel is preached there, it is in the English language. They are very desirous to be favoured with occasional discourses in German.

In *Frankfort* and *Schuyler* they found the members of an old Ev. Luth. Congregation much scattered, and as there appeared some difficulty in the attempt to assemble them during the short stay of the Missionaries, information was left with some of the people, concerning the readiness of the Synod to assist them if they should desire to be again supplied with the services of a Lutheran pastor.

In *Lenox* and *Sullivan, Madison County*, the Missionaries "found considerable numbers of our denomination, who had joined different sects, because they supposed it would be impossible to be ever supplied with Lutheran Ministers."

The German Settlements on the *Oneida Lake* were also visited, and the Report expresses the opinion, founded on a knowledge of existing circumstances, "that a Missionary of our Church might be usefully employed, both among the German and English settlers west of *Utica, Oneida County*, as far as *Manlius, Onondaga County*."

Thursday, Sept. 12, The Missionaries arrived at *Cayuga Bridge*, where the Rev. L. MERKEL had previously arrived, with the expectation of seeing them. On the following day they again met Mr. M. at the house of a friend, and were introduced to a young German Reformed Clergyman, the Rev Mr. Willer, who at present officiates in the several Evangelical Lutheran Congregations who were formerly under the pastoral care of Mr. Merkel. The Missionaries were received in a very friendly manner by the Rev. Mr. Willer, and on the following Lord's Day, the Rev. Mr. Merkel and the Missionaries preached at different places in that district.

On Monday the Missionaries accompanied Mr. M. as far as *Geneva, Ontario County*, where they separated from him, and proceeded along the eastern shore of the *Seneca Lake, Seneca County*, to *Tompkins County*. On the 19th Mr. H. preached again in several places. Soon after, the Missionaries returned through the Counties of *Courtland* and *Chenango*, to *Hartwick*, in *Otsego*.

About Christmas, Mr. H. visited *Herkimer County*, and "preached in *Warren*, where the people seemed anxious to have a Lutheran Minister settled among them." Mr. H. promised to send Mr. Guenther as soon as possible, who having regularly preached there, and in the adjoining towns of *Danube* and *Columbia*, received a call from those congregations, and has been licensed during the recess.

At the request of the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, a new congregation, which he has founded in the town of *Summit, Schoharie County*, has been regularly visited, (at least once in every four weeks,) by Mr. H. and the Theological Students of *Hartwick Seminary*. In the month of April,

1823, Messrs. H. and L. administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Mr. L. has also, at different times, Baptized, Confirmed, and administered the Lord's Supper in this Congregation.

Lutheran Clergymen could find employment in the Settlements along the *Charlotte River*, until its junction with the *Susquehannah*, where the Congregation is situated, which Mr. H. has founded, namely, at *Milford*, in *Otsego County*, and *Davenport*, in *Delaware County*. On the 27th July, Mr. H. Confirmed a small number in that Congregation, and administered the Lord's Supper. The people in that quarter are now regularly visited by Mr. H. and the Theological Students.

On *Sheneva's Creek*, *Otsego County*, some of the most intelligent and respectable inhabitants have expressed a desire to have the word and ordinances administered, through Messrs H. and Lintner. They also requested, that the Theological Students of Hartwick Seminary might be sent there from time to time, to instruct and edify the people.

The Rev. Dr. MAYER, as Commissioner under *Resolutions VIII and IX*, 27th Synod, presented his Report on the *German Legacies*, from which the Ev. Luth. Synod of *Pennsylvania* derives an annual dividend.

The Report states, among others, that although the Commissioner was unable to attend said Synod, "in order to inquire into the object, condition and management" of a legacy or legacies, to which this Ministerium is believed to have a claim,—he has instituted all the inquiry he could, and satisfied himself that the Pennsylvania Synod has *no control* whatever over said legacy or legacies, but is merely the recipient of such dividends or portions of the interests accruing from one or other of them, as the Trustees in Germany and in the United States, are pleased to assign.

Some verbal information was added after the Report was read, and the Synod unanimously

IV. Resolved, 1. That the Report on the *German Legacies* be accepted, and placed in the archives.

V. Resolved, 2. That the Rev. Dr. MAYER be continued as the Commissioner, whose duty it shall be to endeavor to obtain from the proper source, such proportion of a German legacy, as is believed to be due to this Synod.

VI. Resolved, 3. That the Rev. PRESIDENT be requested to write to the Directors of the Orphan House at Hallé, in Germany, under whose authority the proceeds of certain legacies are annually distributed, among the members of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania, and that he endeavor to obtain from Hallé such information as may be necessary, in order to decide upon the claim of this Ministerium to the same funds; and that a report on this subject be made at the session of the Synod, in 1824.

No. 7. was then considered in connection with *Resolution X.* of last Synod; and, the Rev. Dr. MAYER having presented to the Synod, Messrs. G. & D. Billmeyer's "Statement" concerning the sales of the *Hymn Book, &c.*—and a letter purporting to account for their non-compliance with *Resolution X.* requiring the publication of a miniature edition of the "*Hymn Book, Liturgy, and Selection of Prayers, for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.*" The whole subject embraced in No. 7, was thus fully brought before the Synod.

From the "Statement" it appears, that "according to account tendered, May 10th, 1819, there had been sold, up to that period, 4450 copies of Ev. Luth. Hymn Books :" from May 10th, 1819, to May 25, 1821, 935 copies; from May 25, 1821, to August 7, 1822, 284 copies; and since the last date, up to August 15, 1823, 266 copies were sold. Whole number of copies disposed of, 5935.

After some time had been spent in discussing the subject, the Synod came to a unanimous decision, and it was

VII. Resolved, 1. That this Synod will remit to Messrs. G. and D. Billmeyer, the premium engaged to be paid, for any miniature edition of "*A Collection of Hymns, and Liturgy, for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Churches; to which are added, Prayers for Families and Individuals,*" that may be published at a price which shall not exceed *seventy-five cents* per copy, on extra fine paper, well bound, and *sixty-two and a half cents*, on fine paper, well bound.

VIII. Resolved, 2. That the Synod agree to relinquish to Messrs. G. and D. Billmeyer, the premium of *ten cents* on every copy of the edition of the book entitled "*A Collection of Hymns, and Liturgy, for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Churches; to which are added, Prayers for Families and Individuals,*"—now on hand, *Provided*, that Messrs. Billmeyer engage to sell the remaining copies, well bound, at a retail price, not exceeding *one dollar*, per copy.

Whereupon it was

IX. Resolved, That this Synod adjourn to *half past two, P. M.* The concluding *Prayer* was pronounced by the Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afteruoon the members assembled in the Church, at the appointed time, and the Session was opened with *Prayer*, by the SECRETARY.

The *Auditing Committee* reported progress, and requested that the Rev. F. G. MAYER and Judge Bouck, be added to the Committee. In compliance with this request, the Synod

X. Resolved, That the Rev. F. G. MAYER and Judge Bouck, be added to the Auditing Committee.

The subject next in order, was the

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HARTWICK SEMINARY;

Which Report was presented by the Chairman, the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, and read as follows :

The Committee appointed in pursuance of a Resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the Synod, in the town of Schoharie, on the 26th of August, 1822, to confer with the Trustees of Hartwick Seminary, on several subjects connected with the interest and welfare of that institution ; respectfully submit to the consideration of this Synod, the following Report :

In compliance with the object of their appointment, the members of the Committee have generally attended to the important duties imposed upon them, and diligently endeavoured to collect all the information which, consistently with the nature of their instructions, they considered themselves authorised to solicit, in relation to the several subjects mentioned in the Resolution, by which all their official proceedings were directed.

During their continuance at Hartwick, for the purpose of attending the annual examinations of the students ; the Committee have had the pleasure of witnessing two very interesting exhibitions of the *Philo-Phronean Society*, a literary association of the students belonging to the Seminary. The first on the 28th of August, 1822, soon after the adjournment of the late Synod ; and the second on the 27th of August last.— These exhibitions were conducted in a manner highly satisfactory to the audience, and peculiarly gratifying to the friends and patrons of the institution.

Since their appointment, the Committee have had an opportunity of attending two annual examinations of the students that have received instruction in this Seminary. The first of these examinations was held on the 29th of August, 1822—the last on the 28th of August, 1823. The very satisfactory result of these examinations has exceeded the highest expectations of the Committee, who are happy in being enabled to state, that the students generally seemed to possess an accurate knowledge of the several subjects on which they were examined.

The various branches of literature, introduced in the course of these examinations, and which are usually taught in this Seminary, are Reading, Writing, Orthography, Arithmetic, Book-Keeping, Grammar, Geography, Logic, Mathematics, Rhetoric, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French and German Languages. For a more particular account of the number of students instructed in each of these branches, during the course of the first annual term, the Committee would refer the Synod to the information, which, at its last annual meeting, the Reverend PRINCIPAL of the Seminary was pleased to communicate in relation to this subject.*

At the expiration of the term which was closed on the day of the first annual examination held in the presence of the Committee, nine students, who had hitherto received instruction in this Seminary, left the institution, and were admitted into the Junior Class of Union College, where they are still engaged in the successful prosecution of their classical studies.

The last annual term was commenced under circumstances no less encouraging, than those by which the former had been distinguished. In the beginning of this term several new students were admitted; since which period their number has continued to increase, so as to contribute in an eminent degree to the respectability of the Seminary, and afford it a source of considerable additional revenue. The number of academical students, who were during the last term engaged in prosecuting their studies in this Seminary, amounted to 41; many of whom have made considerable progress in the liberal arts and sciences.

This Seminary is at present under the government of one Principal, who continues to hold his office at the option of the Trustees, and whose salary is annually paid from the funds and revenues of the institution. The number of students, having however increased to such an extent, as to render the task of attending to the various concerns of the institution too difficult and laborious for a single individual, the Trustees have deemed it necessary, to authorize the Principal to employ an assistant teacher from among the principal students under his government and direction. The compensation allowed the assistant teacher is, however, in the estimation of the Committee, insufficient; and was, as they are induced to believe, not granted by the Trustees with a view to enable him to devote all his time to the interests of the academy. And while on this subject, it affords the Committee a source of much gratification to remark, that the government of the Seminary has hitherto been administered, in a manner that merits the unqualified approbation of all such who feel an interest in its welfare, and proved fully satisfactory to the board of Trustees, who at one of their annual meetings since the appointment of the Committee, passed a resolution expressive of their thanks to the worthy Principal, whose zealous and indefatigable exertions have eminently contributed to its present prosperous condition.

The first annual meeting of the board of Trustees since the appointment of the Committee, was held in the Academy at Hartwick, on the 30th of October, 1822. Circumstances prevented the majority of the Committee from attending this meeting; but, notwithstanding the absence of the majority, which prevented the attending member of the Committee from making an official communication to the board on the subjects upon which the Committee had been instructed, the Trustees manifested the most friendly disposition towards the Committee, and passed a resolution expressive of their thanks to this Synod, for the friendly interest it manifested in the welfare of the institution placed un-

* See, printed Minutes of 27th Synod, p. 11 and 12.

der their direction, and of their determination cordially to unite with this Synod in every measure calculated to promote the future welfare of the institution. This resolution, a copy of which [marked A] is hereunto annexed, was unquestionably adopted with a view to that friendly relation and mutual co-operation between the Trustees and this Synod, from which the Committee are led to anticipate the most favourable result.

The second annual meeting of the Trustees, since the appointment of the Committee, was held in the Academy, on the 27th of August, 1823. At this meeting, all the members of the Committee attended, and consulted with the board on several subjects connected with the interests of our Church and the welfare of the institution; and the Committee are happy to state, that this conference has terminated in the most favorable result to the object of their appointment.

From an official statement, wherewith the Committee have been furnished by the agent of the board of Trustees, it appears that the present funds of the Seminary, in bonds, mortgages and notes, amount to \$10,645 31. In addition to this fund, there are included in the estate 50 shares in the Great Western Turnpike, amounting to \$1,250; 100 acres of land which constitute conditional property: 230 acres in the town of Hartwick; 1 house and lot in the city of Albany; and 1 small lot in the village of Greenbush. For a more particular account of the amount of revenue proceeding from these several descriptions of property belonging to the Hartwick estate, the Committee refer the Synod to the statement furnished by the agent, a copy of which, [marked B,] is also hereunto annexed.

In regard to the theological department of this Seminary, the Committee, considering its recent establishment, and viewing the disadvantages under which it has hitherto labored for the want of sufficient pecuniary encouragement, are of opinion, that it might be *considerably extended and improved*. The charter, which was granted to this institution, provides that the Principal of the Seminary shall be considered a Professor of Theology, whose duty it shall be to teach candidates for the Christian ministry, a regular system of divinity. It appears, therefore, to be the design of the incorporation, that the Principal of the *academical*, shall *ex officio*, constitute the head of the *theological department*. This is no doubt a wise provision, and ought never to be violated. But, until additional resources are afforded to this Seminary, the theological department must, in the apprehension of the Committee, suffer a great inconvenience. It cannot be reasonably expected, that the Principal can, consistently with his numerous engagements in managing the affairs of the *academical*, devote that attention to the theological department, which is requisite to render it extensively useful. Could means however be devised, for the employment of *an assistant teacher*, under the direction of the Principal, with a salary sufficient to devote his undivided attention to the instruction of the *academical* students, the engagements of the Principal would be rendered less numerous, and by that means he would be enabled to devote more time to the instruction of theological students, and adopt a more regular and systematic course. Thus a mutual connexion would be formed between both departments. Their interests would be associated;—the concerns of the one would be regulated in such a manner as not to interfere with the affairs of the other. The design of the incorporation would, in the opinion of the Committee, be fully accomplished, and the interests of the institution most effectually promoted.

Ten students have, during the last term, been engaged in prosecuting their theological studies in this Seminary. It affords the Committee

much pleasure to state, that several included in this number, are young men of eminent talents; and that the students generally exhibit satisfactory evidences of Christian piety. One, who has lately been licensed, has accepted a call to the pastoral charge of two congregations, in connexion with this Ministerium. Another is expected to make application to this Synod, to be received as a licensed candidate; and several, who have recently entered the institution, are pursuing their studies with alacrity and zeal, and promise to become, at some future period, highly useful to our Church.

In the month of October, 1822, a *Theological Society* was established in this Seminary, under the direction of the Principal, which has for its object the improvement in theological knowledge, and whose business consists mostly in composing sermons, investigating the scriptures, and discussing such theological subjects as may be proposed and adopted for the consideration of its members. A meeting of this Society was lately attended by a member of the Committee, who expressed much gratification in witnessing the engaging and affecting manner in which the solemn exercises of that meeting, which had been convened *on a particular occasion*, were performed.

In this Seminary is also a *theological library*, consisting of about 1000 volumes; 150 of which have been presented by the Rev. HENRY MOELLER, whose liberal donation merits the commendation, and entitles him to the gratitude of every friend and patron of the institution. Several valuable works have also been presented by the Rev. FREDERICK C. SCHAEFFER. Most of the books composing the theological library in this Seminary, are works that were formerly in the possession of its *distinguished Founder*. From a careful examination of the works included in the library, it is the opinion of the Committee, however, that *the collection is insufficient, and needs considerable extension and improvement*, to answer the purposes of a *complete theological library*. And, deeming the improvement of this library an object so desirable to the theological department, and so intimately connected with the future success and prosperity of this Synod, the Committee have in their late conference with the board of Trustees, declared their intention of applying to the Synod for an appropriation of some of its funds to this purpose. And that this purpose might receive all possible encouragement, the Committee have furthermore pledged themselves to the board, that they would use their utmost endeavours to prevail on the members of the Synod, to collect donations in books to be added to the library. Under these circumstances, they deem it proper to recommend to the consideration and adoption of the Synod, such measures as may be calculated *most effectually to improve and benefit the library belonging to this Seminary*.

In addition to the number of volumes included in the library belonging to the institution, there is also a small *society library*, established in this Seminary, under the patronage and direction of the *Philo Phronean Society*, consisting of about 100 volumes, judiciously selected and carefully preserved.

The Committee have also, agreeably to their directions, examined the *buildings* erected for the accommodation of the students, and are of opinion, that *they need considerable addition*, to answer the purposes for which they are intended. The edifice is two stories high, 60 feet in length and 36 feet wide, with a hall and four rooms on the lower floor. The upper story is similarly constructed, with a hall and sufficient space for four rooms, but contains only three—one large room extending along one side of the hall, and intended for a chapel, to be devoted to public uses, and two smaller rooms occupied by students—amounting in the

whole to seven rooms; six of which are allotted to the accommodation of the students, and one reserved for recitations, prayers and other public uses of the institution. The number of rooms intended for the use of the students, is insufficient to afford them the necessary accommodations. *Neither does the building, in its present state, afford sufficient room for a library.* This renders it indispensably necessary that an additional building should be erected. And the Committee are happy to state, for the information of the Synod, that while they were engaged in a conference with the board of Trustees, on this subject, at their last annual meeting—said board passed a resolution, granting the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hartwick, a loan of \$1000, to enable them to build a chapel, contiguous to the academy, to answer the purposes of a church, where the congregation might stately assemble for public worship, and also to be devoted to the public uses of the institution. At the same time the board of Trustees appropriated the sum of \$500, to be paid to the congregation upon completing said building, and upon the condition of possessing certain rights and privileges. Should this purpose be accomplished, the inconveniences which are now experienced, for the want of sufficient room, will be remedied. The old building will be allotted to the exclusive accommodation of the students, and the new afford them all the conveniences of a chapel, where they may assemble on public occasions. By these means the students will be enabled to pursue their literary occupations with greater advantage, and the institution exhibit additional inducement for the public patronage and support.

In the conclusion of this report, it affords the Committee much satisfaction to remark, that the flourishing state of this Seminary, has secured it the universal respect of all who have had an opportunity of receiving its successful operations, and witnessing its beneficial effects. Through the blessing of Divine Providence, it has succeeded in surmounting numerous obstacles, which a variety of unpropitious circumstances had placed in its way. When it was first established, it had to struggle with various difficulties. Many who originally doubted the feasibility of its objects, and were opposed to its interests, needed a practical demonstration of its salutary effects, to be convinced of their error. But every attempt to check the progress of its successful operations, and limit the extent of its influence, has been happily frustrated, and it now only needs the liberal encouragement of its friends, to enable it to assume that elevated rank among the literary institutions of our country, which will render it extensively useful to our Church, and a blessing to society.

With these views and anticipations, the Committee beg leave to recommend to this Synod, the consideration and adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved.* That during the term of years, the sum of dollars be added, annually, from the funds of the Ministerium, to the salary of an Assistant Professor of Hartwick Seminary, *Provided.* That the nomination of such Assistant Professor shall be approved of by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of New-York and adjacent parts.

2. *Resolved.* That the sum of dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Synod, to the purchasing of books to be placed in the theological library belonging to Hartwick Seminary—and, that a committee of members be appointed, who, in connexion with the Reverend Principal, shall be directed to expend the amount appropriated by the Synod, in purchasing such books as they may conceive necessary to answer the present purposes of said library.

3. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the members of the Synod, to collect donations in books, to be added to the theological library of Hartwick Seminary.

(Signed) G. A. LINTNER.
 F. C. SCHAEFFER.
 H. F. COX.

Livingston, 1st Sept. 1823.

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It having been intimated to this Board, that at the last meeting of the Lutheran Synod of the State of New-York, a Committee of three gentlemen were appointed to attend the examination of the students of the "Hartwick Seminary :" Said proceedings having for their object a mutual co-operation with the Trustees of this Board, in advancing the respectability and permanency of said Seminary. Therefore,

Resolved, That this meeting return their sincere thanks to said Synod, for the friendship and interest they have voluntarily manifested in the welfare of this institution: And that we will cordially unite with said Synod in any measure calculated to place this institution in that high and commanding situation, intended by the venerable Donor, under whose munificence it is now in operation.

I certify that the above preamble and resolution, was adopted at a meeting of the Trustees of the "Hartwick Seminary," at the Academy, in the town of Hartwick, on the 30th of October, 1822.

WM. C. BOUCK, *Secretary pro tem.*

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In pursuance of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Trustees of the "Hartwick Seminary," I herewith transmit, for the information of the Lutheran Synod of the State of New-York, the amount of funds attached to said Seminary.

Bonds, Mortgages and Notes,	\$10645 31
Fifty Shares in the second Great Western Turnpike Company,	1250
100 Acres of Land reserved for the heirs of the Rev. John C. Hartwick, dec'd, to be surrendered when properly claimed as pointed out in the will.	
230 Acres in the Town of Hartwick, from which a small rent is realized.	
A House and Lot in the City of Albany, in point of revenue of little value.	
A small Lot in the Village of Greenbush, from which nothing is received.	
The Turnpike Stock is almost wholly unproductive.	

WM. C. BOUCK, *Agent for the Trustees, &c.*

November 12, 1822.

Note by the SECRETARY.—Since the foregoing statement was made, the Regents of the University have made an appropriation of several hundred dollars, for the benefit of Hartwick Seminary.

The Report having been read and considered, it was unanimously

XI. *Resolved*, That the *Report of the Committee on the Hartwick Seminary* be accepted, and placed in the archives.

The *Resolutions* annexed to the Report, were then taken up, and it was unanimously

XII. *Resolved*, 1. That *Resolution 1*, annexed to the Report of the Committee on the Hartwick Seminary, lay over for future consideration.

Resolution 2, being called up, several motions to fill the first blank were made, and the question being put on the highest sum, \$200, the yeas and nays were called, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, the second blank was filled with the word "three;" and the question being taken on the amended Resolution and Resolution 3, respectively, it was unanimously

XIII. *Resolved*, 2. That the sum of *two hundred dollars* be appropriated from the funds of this Synod, to the purchasing of books to be placed in the Theological Library belonging to Hartwick Seminary; and that a committee of *three* members be appointed, who in connection with the Rev. PRINCIPAL, shall be directed to expend the amount appropriated by the Synod, in purchasing such books as they may conceive necessary to answer the present purposes of said library.

XIV. *Resolved*, 3. That it be earnestly recommended to the members of the Synod, to collect donations in books to be added to the Theological Library of Hartwick Seminary.

The *Committee on the Purchase of Books for the Hartwick Library*, were appointed by the Rev. PRESIDENT, and consist of Rev. Messrs. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, P. F. MAYER, and F. G. MAYER.

No. 4. Letter to the SECRETARY from Rev. G. SHOBER, President of the Ev. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, was next in order; and before it was read, the following extracts from the "Journal of the Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina, held in the Church at Salisbury, on Thursday, April 10th, &c. &c. 1823," were laid before the Synod:

"The Rev. G. SHOBER, the Rev. DANIEL SHERER, General Paul Barringer and Col. Henry Ratz, attended as Delegates from the La-

"theran Synod. See the 4th and 5th Articles of Agreement in the Convention, between the Pro. Epis. Church of N. C. and the Evangelical German and English Lutheran Synod, at p. 11, of the Journals for 1822."—See p. 4.

"The Rev. G. SHOBER, the Rev. DANIEL SHERER, and Col. Henry Ratz, appeared as Delegates from the Lutheran Synod, and took their seats as honorary members of the Convention, according to the 4th of the articles of agreement between the Convention of the Pro. Evan. Church of this Diocese, and the Lutheran Synod."—See p. 6.

"Our friendly intercourse with the Lutheran Synod still continues, and may it long continue. A representation from that body has appeared in the Convention, and we hope to draw still more closely the bonds which have for some time, connected us."—See p. 17.

"Resolved, That it is understood by this Convention, that the compact entered into between the Pro. Epis. Church of N. C. and the Lutheran Synod of the same, as recorded in the journals of the last year, relates to the Protestant Evangelical German and English Lutheran Synod of N. C. and no other."—See p. 18.

The beginning of Rev. PRESIDENT SHOBER's letter contains an expression of regret, at the propagation of false accounts concerning the late intercourse between the Lutheran Synod and the Episcopal Convention of North Carolina. The President alludes also to certain articles which have appeared in several religious journals, and to a communication under his official signature, which he had caused to be inserted in some Southern publications, in order to counteract the painful misstatements which were made in various places.

The "Family Visitor" and the "Theological Repertory," among others, had published to the world, "that the Episcopal and Lutheran churches had effected an honorable and Christian union;" and added: "which places the Lutheran Church under the care and superintendance of the Episcopal authority of that diocese."

President SHOBER then remarks in substance: About seventeen years ago, a former Episcopalian layman was desirous to enter some ministry, and no Episcopal church being then known in North Carolina, except in the sea-ports, he applied to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministry for ordination; and, as our church was increasing, though the laborers were few, the ministers were glad to accept his services. He was born in Scotland, and cannot speak the German language. His name is ROBERT JOHNSON MILLER. He was ordained by the Lutheran Ministry; but on his part he reserved at that time, that if ever the Episcopal Church should arise in this State, his ordination should be without prejudice to the membership of that church. Under this ordination he formed and served sundry congregations, and was at sundry times employed by our Synod as an itinerant preacher—and he was serviceable to our church for many years.

"Sometime ago the Episcopal church lifted up its head in this state, and when they had formed a convention under Bishop Moore, of Virginia, they called upon the Rev. Mr. Storck, the President and Senior of our church, to meet them in convention as one of their church." President Storck requested me to answer the invitation, which I did, and explained to them that the Evangelical Lutheran Church is independent of the Episcopal Church, and stated to them how our church was governed, &c. but invited them to preach in our churches, and thereby gather in their dispersed members in the western parts, which would be the way to form congregations among the English, for we then had but the above named English preacher among us!"

To this my statement and invitation, I received no answer.—Two years afterwards I received a letter from R. J. Miller, mentioning that as he

was invited by the Bishop to attend their convention, he had determined to unite with his original church, which he did ; and by the minutes of their convention, the information is held forth, that Mr. Miller had appeared as deputy from the Lutheran Church, which however was not true, though he might have received a sanction from one or two of his congregations. His appearance, as a deputy from the Lutheran Church, was unknown to our church as a body. Yet he was received as such, for purposes which afterwards appeared, and suffered himself to be ordained by the Bishop to priest's orders. Mr. Miller may have persuaded that Convention, that all the Lutheran ministers would come under their Bishop ; and they elected and sent deputies to our next Synod, to TREAT OF A UNION.

We could not but exercise common politeness, and granted them a seat with us. A committee was appointed to converse with them about a union. They had found in private conversation that our Ministerium spurned the idea of accepting re-ordination, as whereby we should have disgraced our Church forever. They proposed no such thing when our committee met them, and offered, that if we sent deputies to their Convention, they should have seat and vote with them on all questions not relating to their church : in course of common politeness, we offered them the privilege to meet us on similar terms. Consequently this " UNION," concerning which they make much noise, is no more than a civil intercourse.

Our Synod approved of this ; their Convention did the same. We elected deputies to meet them at their next convention, but none attended. I made my excuse in writing. I could not perceive that a true Christian union was contemplated by the Episcopalians ; for, when we invited the above mentioned Mr. Miller to commune with us, and thus to take a friendly leave of us, HE REFUSED, except he or some Episcopalian consecrated the elements ! Now, although none of us had attended their succeeding convention, they elected deputies to meet us last year, and these according to agreement, took seat with us, BUT WHEN WE ORDAINED, OR ADMINISTERED THE SACRAMENT, THEY WENT OUT ! But, as their Convention was to meet this year in our centre, we elected deputies to meet them, which we did in Salisbury, and were treated genteelly, according to contract. I was one of the deputies. I was determined to find out how far their love extended, and motioned, that as we had given them the privilege of our churches, they should give us the same in theirs. This motion, although seconded by one of their own lay deputies, was refused to be minuted, and in friendly debate THEY TOLD US TO OUR FACES THAT IT COULD NOT BE ADMITTED, AS OUR ORDINATION WAS NOT VALID ! The conclusion was, that I withdrew my motion, but told them that we should retire to our former signification. We on our part refused to commune with them ; and on being questioned why we did so, I told them that as they had refused to commune with us, and did not invite us to preach as they had done in our Synod, cordiality was wanting. After this Convention our Synod met ; when, without saying much, in order not to irritate their deputy, we declined electing deputies to their next Convention—of course the union is on the wane.

This being the true situation of our Connection, I am surprised that honest Christian Ministers should propagate to the world, that we had come under the Episcopal superintendance of another Church, and were re-ordained by a Bishop ! If it were the case, we should deserve to be disowned by our Church throughout the United States, with whom we desire to remain one body and soul, in brotherly affection and indissoluble union.

Public use may be made of this letter, and I should wish the information in the printed communication aforementioned, to be widely diffused,

so that all Christians may see, that THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS NOT SURRENDERED AND WILL NOT SURRENDER ANY OF HER RIGHTS AND SENIOR PRIVILEGES; FOR, ALL PROTESTANTS HAVE THEIR ORIGIN IN LUTHER.

The Rev. President concludes his letter with the following expressions: "Be pleased to salute your Synod from me and the steadfast brethren in North Carolina. Commend us to their intercession at the Throne of Grace, that we may remain united in love and principle; and, may the Lord guide us all to his heavenly rest. This is the sincere prayer of your fellow-laborer in a rough vineyard.

(Signed) G. SHOBER, President."



During the Sessions of this day, some of the ministers presented their accounts of the number of persons who were *Baptized*, *Confirmed*, and *Admitted to the Lord's Supper*. At the same time, the number of *Deaths*, in some congregations, was also handed in. These returns in general embrace a period of about twelve months.

MINISTERS' REPORTS.

1. Rev. Dr. F. H. QUITMAN, President; Pastor of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Churches, Rhinebeck; from the month of June 1822, to August, 1823:

Baptized,	113
Confirmed,	36
Communicants,	264

2. Rev. F. C. SCHAEFFER, Secretary; and Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, of the Ev. Luth. Church in the city of New-York, report, including Christ Church and St. Matthew's, from October 1822, to August 1823:

Baptized,	90
Confirmed,	18
Communicants,	280

3. Rev. G. A. LINTNER, Treasurer; since September 1, 1822:

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.
In Schoharie,	83	21	154
Cobleskill,	41	12	131
Summit,	17	9	29
	141	42	314

4. Rev. Dr. MAYER, Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John, Philadelphia; from Sept. 1822, to August 24, 1823:

Baptized,	118
Confirmed,	28
Communicated, September 29, 1822,	92
December 25, —, 140	
March 28, 1823, 194	
May 18, —, 115	

5. Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, from Sept. 1822, to Sept. 1, 1823, in the different congregations where he officiates:

Baptized,	125
Confirmed,	12
Communicants,	130

6. Rev. F. G. MAVER, Albany:

Baptized,	36
Confirmed,	6
Whole number of Communicants, 98	

7. Rev. E. L. HAZELIUS, since the last Synod:

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Burials.
In Hartwick,	5	2	44	1
Sharon,	48	2	108	—
Summit,	—	—	22	—
Milford and Davenport,	8	3	25	—
Columbia, Warren and {	3	—	20	—
Danube,	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—
	64	7	219	1

8. Rev. P. W. DOMEIER, in different congregations, since 1822:

Baptized,	176
Confirmed,	25
Communicants,	250

9. Rev. W. STARMAN, of Waldoborough, since August, 1822:

Baptized,	42
Confirmed,	5
Communicants,	359

10. Rev. L. MERKEL, Guilderland and Bern, from August 25, 1822, to August 25, 1823:

Baptized,	100
Confirmed,	15
Communicants,	222

11. Rev. D. HENDRICKS, at Saddleriver and Ramapough:

Baptized,	33
Admitted to the Lord's Supper for the first time,	47
Total number of Communicants,	73
Buried,	8

12. Rev. J. R. GOODMAN:

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.
At Brunswick,	44	16	74	5
Sandlake,	35	10	80	4
Schaghticoke,	7	3	50	2
	—	—	—	—
	86	29	212	11

13. Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, New Germantown, German Valley, and Sprucerun:

Baptized,	55
Confirmed,	7

At the last celebration of the Lord's Supper, 152 members received the Sacrament.

No reports were received from the members of the Ministerium, whose names are not inserted in the foregoing list.

Some remarks were made by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER and the SECRETARY, on the expediency of appointing a Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary concerns: and other brethren having fully expressed their views, the Synod unanimously

XV. Resolved, 1. That a committee of five members, namely, three ministers and two lay delegates, be appointed annually, who shall be styled, *the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns.*

XVI. Resolved, 2. That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns,

1. To endeavour to ascertain the number, inquire into the local condition, and examine the religious interests of *Vacant Congregations*, within the bounds of this Synod. They shall inform themselves, whether any of the vacant Churches did, at any former period of time, enjoy the advantages of a stated ministry; and they shall view the relative situation and particular circumstances of vacant Congregations, for the purpose of determining, whether in case of their individual inability, several of these destitute Churches may not be associated, so that they may be enabled, by their united endeavors, to support a Pastor among them.
2. The said Committee shall also determine upon the places and districts to be assigned to *Missionaries* of the Ev. Luth. Church; and specify the requisite labours and pecuniary compensation: and the Committee, in their official and collective capacity, shall devise and endeavor to carry into effect, such measures as may be best calculated to promote the extension of our Church and the edification of the people.
3. This Committee shall attend to these matters, as far as practicable, during the recess of the Ministerium, and report at the annual meeting of the Synod.

XVII. Resolved, 3. That all applications from vacant Congregations, and that all Missionary concerns, be referred to the

Committee, as appointed and instructed by *Resolutions XV.* and *XVI.*

XVIII. Resolved, 4. That the Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns have authority, through their Chairman, to draw on the Treasurer of the Ministerium, during the recess of the Synod, for such sums from the *Missionary Fund*, as they may deem requisite for the well ordering of the business confided to them.

The Committee on Vacant Congregations and Missionary Concerns, for the present year, were appointed by the President, and consist of Rev. Messrs. F. C. SCHAEFFER, Chairman, F. G. J. UHL, JOHN R. GOODMAN, and H. BOUCK and H. F. COX, Esqrs.

The Donations to the Missionary Fund were now called in, and the following sums were received:

<i>Churches and Individuals.</i>	<i>Through whom received.</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>ct.</i>
1. St. Matthew's, \$50 {	Rev. F. C. Schaeffer, {	55	00
2. Christ Church, 5 {	Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, {		
3. Schoharie and Cobleskill, -	Judge Bouck, - -	30	00
4. Hartwick, - - - -	Rev. E. L. Hazelius, -	5	00
5. Rev. W. Starman, - - -	Rev. W. Starman, - -	10	00
6. Canajoharie Congregation, -	John D. Lawyer, Esq. -	5	00
7. Brunswick, Sandlake, Schaghticoke,	Rev. J. R. Goodman, -	15	00
8. New Germantown, German Valley and Sprucerun, {	Rev. H. N. Pohlman, -	12	25
			132 25
	Add to this, the amount received, as noticed on the Minutes of the Morning Session, - - - -	14	50
			146 75

In presenting the sum of fifty dollars to the Missionary Fund, the Rev. F. C. SCHAEFFER observed, that in order to remove erroneous impressions, he deemed it his duty, *at this time*, to make a brief statement of the peculiar circumstances under which St. Matthew's Church, where he officiates in the English language exclusively, was founded. He adverted to the present and probable relative condition of the Old and New Churches; to the frequent calls from abroad and at home upon the liberality of the members of the Ev. Luth. Church in the city; he acknowledged the active generosity of those who have been regular attendants at Christ Church, and of those also who have taken a particular interest in the prosperity of the Ev. Luth. Church, since the founding of St. Matthew's—he spoke of the difficulties and of the encouragement which those had met who had undertaken the establishing a new Ev. Luth. Church in the city of New-York, and observed that the expenses had been great, and that a heavy debt remained to be extinguished—that

those who had aided him in the work are not deficient in Lutheran Zeal, yet he had thought it unadvisable to make a collection in the Church, inasmuch as those who attend there have been required to contribute as largely as convenient, according to the wants of their own Institution—but that a proper representation having been made, sundry individuals had agreed to send a donation to the Missionary fund as an earnest of their attachment to the cause of our Church, and had placed the aforementioned sum into his hands, which was now delivered to the Treasurer of the Ministerium.

It was then

XIX. Resolved, that the Synod adjourn to half past 8, A. M. to-morrow, Sept. 2d.

The Session was closed with prayer, by the Rev. G. A. LINTNER.

When the Lay Delegates had absented themselves, the Clerical Synod held a short

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The Rev. E. L. HAZELIUS, Principal of "Hartwick Seminary," gave notice to the Rev. PRESIDENT and MINISTERIUM, that Mr. *Adam Crownce*, late a student in the Theological Department of Hartwick Seminary, and whose services were desired by the Churches at Sharon and Durlack, was ready to apply for a license, and to be examined. The Rev. F. H. Guenther's application for a renewal of his license as a Candidate, was also considered; and in order to expedite the business of the Ministerium, it was

I. Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to receive the application of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, and examine them according to the requisitions in the Constitution, Chap. VI, Section 5; and that said Committee report on the 2d instant.

The Rev. PRESIDENT appointed the Rev. Dr. MAYER, and Rev. Messrs. GOODMAN and DOMEIER, as the Committee, to attend to the duties specified in the foregoing Resolution; and it was then

II. Resolved, That the Ministerium attend to the requisite business, immediately after the close of the Synodical Session, 2d instant.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 2, 1823.

The members of the Synod met in the Church at half past 8 o'clock, and the Session was opened with Prayer by the Rev. F. G. MAYER.

The Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER, of the *Auditing Committee*, Reported,

That they had examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and found his accounts to be correct—

The Report recommends the payment of §66 74, as the amount of advances made by the Rev. PRESIDENT for the support of the Rev. G. Pfeiffer;* and also the expenses of Missionaries, Committees, Synodical expenses, &c. amounting together with the sum for the indemnification of the Rev. President, to §149 88.

Whereupon it was

XX. *Resolved*, 1. That the Report of the Auditing Committee be accepted, and that the Treasurer pay the sums due as set forth in the said Report.

XXI. *Resolved*, 2. That the Rev. President be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Synod, for the sum of *seventy-five dollars* annually, to be appropriated to the wants of the Rev. G. Pfeiffer, during his natural life; and that the said amount be paid in advance in semi-annual payments.

The Rev. Dr. MAYER remarked, that though the Rev. Delegate who was appointed by the Ev. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania to attend the session of this Synod, had not arrived, it would still be proper to appoint a Delegate from this Body, to attend the next Synod in Pennsylvania—in compliance with this suggestion, it was

XXII. *Resolved*, 1. That the Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER be the Delegate from this Synod, to attend the meeting of the Ev. Luth. Synod to be held at Carlisle, Pa. 1824.

XXIII. *Resolved*, 2. That the SECRETARY be directed to transmit *fifty copies* of the printed minutes of this Session, to the Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church in Pennsylvania.

After which, the Synod spent some time in conversing on sundry topics introduced by Ministers and Lay Delegates. Inquiries concerning various subjects affecting congregations and the Church in general, were made, considered, and answered.

The attention of the Synod was then called to the business in order: to determine the time and place of the next meeting. The

Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, in the name of his Congregations, invited the Synod to convene at *New-Germantown, N. J.* in 1824. The Rev. J. R. GOODMAN, in the name of his Congregations, invited the Synod to convene at *Brunswick, Rensselaer County, N. Y.* in 1824.

After some conversation it was

XXIV. Resolved, That the next meeting of the Synod be held at *Brunswick, Rensselaer County, N. Y.* in the Congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, on the *first Sunday in October 1824.*

And the Synod unanimously

XXV. Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the kind friends in this place and vicinity, who have hospitably received and entertained the members and others who attended this Session of the Synod.

"All the business, proper to be laid before the whole Synod" being despatched, the Rev. PRESIDENT gave "notice thereof to the Lay Delegates," and it was

XXVI. Resolved, That the Ev. Luth. Synod of the State of New-York, and adjacent parts, do adjourn to the time and place specified in Resolution XXIV. And the Rev. PRESIDENT closed the Session with *Prayer.*

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The Clerical Members then held a

MINISTERIAL SESSION,

During which, the Report of the Committee on applications and examinations of Candidates was received, and several Resolutions were adopted, as detailed in the *written minutes.*

On this occasion it was

IV. Resolved, 2. That the License of Mr. *Francis Henry Guenther* be renewed until the next Session of the Ministerium.

V. Resolved, 3. That Mr. *Adam Crownce* be licensed as a Candidate of the Gospel Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to officiate in the Ev. Luth. Congregations at Sharon and Durlack, his License to be in force until the next Session of the Ministerium.

The Candidates then appeared in the Ministerium, and, after a brief address from the Rev. President, they made the usual "solemn promise" and received the right hand of brotherly fellowship

and, love, all the brethren, individually, offering affectionate congratulations, and encouraging the *Candidates* unto diligence in their present duties, and in the course of preparation for the period of *Ordination*.

After a free conversation on several subjects connected with the obligations of the members and the duties of the Ministerium, it was

VII. Resolved, That this Ministerium adjourn, and attend Divine Worship.

The Congregation having assembled, the Rev. G. A. LINTNER, of Schoharie, preached on I Cor. 3. part of 19 :—*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.* In conclusion, the Clergy-men and the Congregation joined in singing “The Christian Farewell,” Hymn 381; and the Rev. Pastor of the Congregation, closed the public solemnities of the 28th Synod, by pronouncing the

BENEDICTION.